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Errico et al.

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PellegrinoFor: AXIALLY COMPRESSIBLE ARTIFICIAL :
INTERVERTEBRAL DISC HAVING :
LIMITED ROTATION USING A :
CAPTURED BALL AND SOCKET JOINT :
WITH A SOLID BALL AND RETAINING :
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.312

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Communication mailed
September 5, 2006, applicants submit the following amendments
and remarks.